

Remarks/Arguments

The Examiner is thanked for the careful review of this Application. Claims 4-6, 8-15, and 17-22 are pending after entry of the present Amendment. The amendments do not introduce new subject matter.

Claim 22 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 3, which is the combination of limitations in claims 1, 2, and 3. Claims 1, 2, and 3 have been canceled. Thus, duplication of claim 3 is eliminated. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the claim 22 objection under 37 CFR 1.75.

Claim 2 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being an improper dependent for failing to further limit the subject matter of claim 1. Claim 2 is canceled, making the objection under 37 CFR 1.75 (c) moot.

Claims 14, 15, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claim 14 has been amended to overcome the ambiguities pointed out by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw claims 14, 15, and 17 rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patent No. 6,298,354 to Saulpaugh et al. (Saulpaugh) in view of Applicant's submitted prior art "JAVA API for USB (javax.usb)". Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Claims 4 and 5 are amended to depend from claim 22. Claim 22 is objected to as being substantially same as claim 3. Now that claim 3 is canceled, claim 22 is in condition for allowance. As claims 4

and 5 depend directly from claim 22, claims 4 and 5 are likewise patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

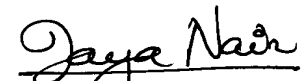
Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner noted that claims 6, 8-13, 18, 20, and 21 are allowed. The Examiner also noted that Claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims. Claim 22 incorporates the features of claim 3, and claim 3 has been canceled.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that all the pending claims 4, 5, 6, 8-15, 18-21, and 22 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6926. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP607). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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